

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph 23 as follows:

The length of sheet barrier 10 may be set at any various number of lengths responsive to several criteria that should be considered for proper operation. A first consideration is that sheet barrier 10 should generally reach a pair of media engaging and driving surfaces provided by retractable pinch roller 21 (FIGURE 2A) after the leading edge of the exiting sheet has been engaged by exit pinch roller 22 (FIGURE 2B) and after retractable pinch roller 21 (FIGURE 2C) has opened. Another consideration is that sheet barrier 10 should generally clear retractable pinch roller 21 (FIGURE 2A) before the trailing edge of a sheet entering the duplexer has reached and is no longer engaged by entry pinch roller 20 (FIGURE 2B) and before retractable pinch roller 21 close onto and engage the entering sheet.